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Military Information: Soviet Troops in Harbin

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February 1948

- 1. Soviet troops arrived in Harbin from Manchouli (117-27, 49-36) daily during the period 9-17 February 1948. These troops were armed and wore the black uniforms of Railway Patrol troops. An average of more than 2,000 troops arrived each day during this period.
- 2. These troops were quartered upon arrival in hotels in the Tao Li district of Harbin. On 18 February they were moved to Russian homes in the Tao Li, Nan Kang and Ma Chia Kou districts of the city.

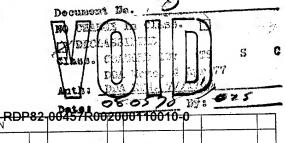
Unstated (probably between February and July 1948)

- 3. A number of the former Japanese barracks in the older part of Harbin are occupied by Soviet "engineering troops" on leave from duty on the eastern and western branches of the (Chungchang) railway. These troops supervise Chinese laborers in railway construction work.
- Other barracks formerly occupied by Japanese troops have been reconditioned and are used as billets for Chinese Communist troops.
- The area around the San Hsin Shallows has been closed off and is under guard, leading to the speculation that a secret construction project is under way in that area.

Comment. The San Hsin Shallows, presumably in the Sungari River 25X1A in or near Harbin, are unlocated on maps available to this office.)

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